



# ***WPD NEWS***

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### **WPD Patrol Bureaus, Homeland And Dillon Stores To Host Trick-Or-Treaters**

The Wichita Police Department's four Patrol Bureaus will be handing out Halloween candy to trick-or-treaters on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, it was announced today by Gordon Bassham, assistant to Police Chief Norman Williams. Joining WPD in the Halloween candy event are Homeland and Dillon stores.

"This is something we've done many times over the years," said Bassham. "It gives children in the community an opportunity to show off their Halloween costumes to our officers. Moreover, it's a very nice gesture on the part of Dillon and Homeland stores, and yet another example of their involvement in the community."

Bassham said the two retailers have donated many bags of candy to make Halloween a bit more enjoyable for Wichita area children. Officers and employees at the bureaus will be available to hand out candy throughout the evening as trick-or-treaters come and go.

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**The Wichita Police Department bureaus are:**

**Patrol North            3015 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street North**

**Patrol South            211 E. Pawnee**

**Patrol East            350 S. Edgemoor**

**Patrol West            661 N. Elder**

**Bassham said WPD is urging parents to make sure their children exercise caution when walking in neighborhoods on Halloween.**

**“If possible, children should be accompanied by an adult. They should carry flashlights, and either wear face paint or masks that don’t inhibit their field of vision. In addition, their costumes should not limit their mobility. Drivers also should exercise extra caution when in residential areas, and it’s a good idea for parents or guardians to check their child’s Halloween candy as quickly as possible. We want to make this is the community’s safest Halloween yet,” Bassham said.**